

THE JAHRMARKT OPENED.

SENATOR SHERMAN DECLARES THE
GERMAN FAIR A FACT:

Pleasant Ceremonies at the Inauguration of the Novel Enterprise by the Concordia Congregation—What is to be Seen Under the Opera House.

At the main entrance to the Washington Light Infantry Armory last evening Hon. John Sherman met District Commissioner William B. Webb, in a dress suit, going and with a committee composed of some of the most prominent German residents ascended the stairs leading to the armory. Here through a door was caught a glimpse of one of the men.

ever seen in Washington. It was like a picture of a German village, where sweethearts in gay costumes moved about under soft, mellow lights, which shed their radiance through parti-colored globes, the colors of which blended in a confusion of prismatic hues, heightening the effect of the scene, and making the look even gayer. Around the room were arranged booths, where everything in the shape of ornament and useful articles could be purchased. The

that most fair booths have. The decorations were superb, and the colors were nicely arranged that a spectator was attracted to them, forgetting, for an instant, the danger that lurked behind—with bright ribbons and pleading eyes. Althwart the room ran streamers of every hue until the ceiling was a mass of color.

Then between two realistic native scenes of German villages was a fountain which threw its spray high in the air, and where a "mock" turtle and two sheet-iron fish came up to the surface with automatic regularity to look at the people.

On a stand at the south end of the room a band of Suabian musicians discovered "Mikado" waltzes and "Black Hussar polkas, to which the modest Lorrain maiden and stately Berlin belle kept to

At 8 o'clock, when the hall was crowded and moving about was difficult, Rev. J. Schneider, the pastor of Concordia Church for the benefit of which the jubilee was held, entered with Mr. Sherman, and John Vogt with Commissioner Webb. The district Marshal Wilson, Robert Partner-Karr, Edwin Droop, Anton Eberle, Mathew, Werner Koch, E. W. Koch, C. Breitharth, W. G. Plant, Jr., Col. W. Moore, Henry Klotz, Louis Kettler,

several other prominent citizens, some of whom knew what a Jahnke was, completed the group, and made way to the south end of the hall, where Schneider commanded silence and described briefly the object of the fair. He was, however, leave the Hon. John Sherman whose name rhymed with German, whose sentiment was with the German explain more fully.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I have been assigned the pleasant duty of declaring the formal opening of this "Januarmarkt," or year-market; but, before doing so, I wish to express hearty commendation of the admirable arrangements made by our German fellow-citizens for noble work and charity, to be sustained by the social habits of our countrymen. "Vaterland," Charities are universally associated with the dearest words in every language, as home, love, hope, faith, but the greatest of all is charity. Your present appeal to citizens

The old country of the yam market isle has all the same old ways. The African continent contains the name of every island, and each a visitation and the date when it occurred. The market lasts for a week or ten days.

When Christmas dealers turn their faces to another. While it lasts it is a holiday time, trade, joy, and songs. If not a dealer in all parts of the country expose for sale in his stalls every conceivable article of traffic thrifty housekeepers avail themselves of sharp competition to supply themselves articles that will last a year. You have proved upon all this by dedicating the proceeds of this Jahrmarkt to charitable uses, but none the less a place where so many

be that in accordance with ancient teachings, the fatherland is the source of roots and habits. The fatherland is that I could not help but be grafted on American life. Among the open, outdoor employments and amusements where old and young, several generations, and mingle in social life. Nothing can be wrong when father, mother, grandvère, child partake of the same refreshments, the same music, engage in or witness the same sports, when conditions of wealth and poverty are forgotten, and a common humanity is evident as in the love of the same sports, the same clarity and kindness over the whole world.

Another trait of German life, illustrated by Goethe, Schiller, and other great names, is the love of music, which is a refined and softer social intercourse and a charm to the home, whether a cabin or a palace. This has produced the soft-impulsive music of Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, and Wagner.

I trust these traits of joy and gladness will be yours here, inspiring joy and gladness, music will add its charm, that young and matron and maiden, the man and boy, by their part to make this fairmorn'g a fount of charity and a happy good time.

Dr. Schneider then introduced Com-
moner Webb, who, in his happiest
spoke for about ten minutes. His
friends were Germans, he said, and
foundation of this great city was the re-
of German settlement. The Germans
settled on the site of the city, and
their settlement Hamburg, which gre-
be Washington. Mr. Webb then he
that the *jaarmarkt* (which he pronoun-

The band then performed some popular German airs, and the guests were escorted to the dining room, where a cosmopolitan assemblage of fair waltzers assembled on terrapin and wine and cream, and said complimentary things about the Jahrmarkt and each other. In the meantime the hall filled rapidly, and the church at the corner of Twentieth and streets was receiving a good financial contribution. Everybody gave liberally, and there

The fair will run throughout the week, everybody should visit it, as it is really one of the most novel entertainments ever here.

Prizes at the Hebrew Fair.

The usual throng was present at the fair last evening. It is not known whether the \$50 diamond breastpin was drawn from the fish pond yesterday or not. Mrs. S. N. M. has been one of the most fortunate last

which is one of the most expensive materials disposed of by chance. Three of the articles voted were closed out last evening. Celia Hellerbomer had the most votes for handsome white leather fan, her total number being 567. Miss Rosie Kaufman won Rogers group and stand with 575 votes. The Saline Hotel had 180 votes for lounge. The balance of the articles voted for will be closed out on Thursday. The Montefiore handkerchiefs and matches on paper had a ready sale.

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